

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

At the session of the Iowa district conference of the African Methodist church, held at Des Moines, Ia., on the 17th, it was decided to hold the next conference at Galesburg, Ill.

Rear-Admiral Barker, commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic fleet, has recommended the equipment of all the battleships and large cruisers of the navy with wireless telegraph apparatus.

President Roosevelt returned to his home at Oyster Bay, L. I., on the 18th, from Sharpshooters, Md., where, on the 17th, he attended the unveiling of a monument on the battlefield of Antietam.

The tropical storm which struck the coast of the middle Atlantic states early on the 16th proved to be one of the severest experienced in a long time. It left death and destruction in its trail.

The Chinese government will make a claim against the government of the United States on account of injuries inflicted, on the 16th, by residents of Tonahop, Nev., upon Chinese residents of that place.

The Standard oil magnates have added to their wealth the greater portion of the \$19,600,000, which has been distributed in dividends on the stock of the Standard Oil Co. and the Consolidated Gas Co.

Prof. P. Paul Anderson, of the Kentucky state college, was appointed, on the 15th, by the United States government as expert in charge of the exhibits in shop practice, etc., at the St. Louis World's fair.

C. Sam Nichols, a newspaper man, who had founded numerous papers in Kansas, Missouri, Colorado and Wyoming since the close of the civil war, died, on the 15th, in Salt Lake City, Utah, aged 60 years.

The sentry who shot and killed Wm. H. Crowley, on the 10th, at Pittsburg, Pa., will be tried by court martial, then turned over to whatever branch of the civil authority that may be determined upon later.

The life of Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, of Warsaw, Ind., was barely saved, on the 16th, by prompt action of several local physicians. By mistake his wife gave him an overdose of bromidia instead of a tonic he had been taking.

The foreign office says that the report published on the 17th that Great Britain had decided on the dispatch of a squadron to Turkish waters, is entirely premature, and that it is most unlikely that Great Britain will take such a step.

The great council of Red Men of the United States, which was in annual session at Atlantic City, N. J., adjourned on the 18th, to meet at St. Joseph, Mo., next year. There was a fight between St. Louis and Kansas City, and St. Joseph was finally agreed upon.

United States Senator Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, who has been seriously sick with ileo-colicitis at the Brown Palace hotel in Denver, Col., since the 13th, when he arrived there from the east, was pronounced, on the 17th, out of danger by the attending physicians.

Postal Inspector James W. Erwin, indicted by the federal grand jury of Washington, D. C., for alleged conspiracy to defraud the government, was arrested in San Francisco, on the 16th, by a United States marshal. Bail, which was fixed at \$5,000, was promptly furnished.

The Harris county (Tex.) has approved a fee of \$100,000 for Baker, Bott, Baker & Lovett for legal services rendered the estate of W. M. Rice, the millionaire, who was murdered in New York several years ago by Albert T. Patrick. This is the largest fee ever allowed in Texas in a single case.

Director of Works Taylor, on the 16th, announced, in a report made to President Francis on the building progress of the St. Louis World's fair, that every exhibit building on the exposition site would be completed by the first of next November, and ready to receive exhibits by December 1.

The resignations of Joseph Chamberlain, as secretary for the colonies of Great Britain; C. T. Ritchie, as chancellor of the exchequer, and Lord George Hamilton, as secretary for India, were officially announced, on the 17th, and accepted by King Edward.

The Rothschilds of London are trying to purchase the Homestake, in South Dakota, the greatest gold mine in the world. They have made two offers, one several months ago of \$25,000,000, and the second a few days ago of \$35,000,000. It is held at \$40,000,000.

Francis V. Benque, who was arrested on the complaint of the federal authorities on a charge of having written threatening letters to Secretary of State Hay, was, on the 15th, committed to the Manhattan state asylum, Ward's island, N. Y., he having been pronounced by doctors to be not in full possession of his faculties.

The supreme lodge Knights and Ladies of Honor, at Louisville, Ky., on the 16th, re-elected all the old officers with the exception of supreme secretary, the present incumbent being succeeded by George D. Tate. The motion to appropriate \$50,000 for a headquarters building at Indianapolis, Ind., was discussed at length, but no decision reached.

The committee appointed by the secretary of the treasury to examine the vouchers and verify the accounts of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co., reported, on the 15th, that the vouchers were in proper form, and show, as claimed, an expenditure on the part of the St. Louis World's Fair company of \$10,037,949. The \$5,000,000 appropriated in aid of the exposition, therefore, is now available, and has been placed to the credit of the company.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.
PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The worst flood experienced in that portion of the Mississippi valley for years was, on the 19th, submerging thousands of acres of farm lands in the vicinity of La Crosse, Wis., sweeping away stacks of hay and grain, drowning live stock in fields and doing incalculable damage. In the lower part of La Crosse 50 families were forced to move out of their homes and wholesale merchants were moving their goods from the lower floors.

The eleventh national irrigation congress came to an end at Ogden, Utah, on the 18th. It re-elected Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, president and decided to hold the congress in 1904 at El Paso, Tex., and adopted a platform which requested congress to make needed modifications of the existing land laws in order that speculation and monopoly of the public domain be prevented.

Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, closed the Lipton incident, on the night of the 18th, at the dinner of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht club at Center Island, Oyster Bay, by proposing a toast in honor of the Irish baronet, which was responded to with cheers and songs for the owner of the Shamrocks.

Charles H. Read, aged 63 years, is dead at Waterbury, Conn., after months of suffering from a complication of diseases which finally culminated in paralysis. He was the inventor of most of the important machinery used in hat making, through which industry he accumulated wealth.

Bar Harbor, Me., is just recovering from the throes of a social sensation in which figured a putative foreign nobleman, but who, in reality, was a former servant of the Gerry family in New York and once a waiter in the Hotel Plitz, in Paris. He disappeared immediately after his recognition.

One hundred and seventy-six cases of shoes, valued at \$3,000, it has been discovered, have been delivered to unauthorized parties by the Big Four Railroad Co. at East St. Louis, Ill.

They were consigned to a St. Louis wholesale house and have not been located, though the transfer driver who got them has been identified.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw has definitely decided to withdraw government deposits from all banks reducing their circulation to take advantage of the high price of United States bonds, when such banks are already designated as United States depositories.

The stockholders' annual meeting of the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railway Co. was held in Indianapolis, Ind., on the 16th. Gilbert B. Shaw, of Chicago; James Murdoch, of Lafayette, and Volney T. Malott, of Indianapolis, whose terms as directors expired, were re-elected.

It was reported, on the 16th, that it had been snowing at Eldora, Col., for four days, and a number of the mountain trails and gulches were almost impassable. In Berchoud pass there was over two and one-half feet of snow.

Six hundred men employed at the Lorain Coal and Dock Co.'s Crescent mine, at Bridgeport, O., went on strike, on the 16th, because a dozen men in the mines would not join the union and the company insisted on working them.

Fire, on the 16th, destroyed the planing mill and contents of the L. S. Harvey Planing Mill Co., at East St. Louis, Ill. How the fire originated was not known, but it was believed lightning struck the building. The loss was about \$5,000.

Frank Clark, who was arrested in Galesburg, Ill., on the 16th, was taken to Palmyra, Mo., on the 17th, and placed in the Marion county jail. Clark is charged with an assault and attempted murder of Ollie Hess, a 17-year-old girl of Clark county, Mo., several months ago.

The national encampment of the Sons of Veterans adjourned, at Atlantic City, N. J., on the 17th, after selecting Boston for the next annual meeting. Arthur B. Spink, Providence, R. I., was elected commander-in-chief.

Seven members of the family of Wm. Grover, residing near Galesville, Wis., were poisoned, on the 17th, by eating canned minced ham. One child died and the rest of the family were made seriously ill.

A heavy fall of snow over James river valley, N. D., on the 17th, added to the seriousness of the crop situation. It was estimated that the fall was three inches deep.

The National Association of Mexican War Veterans, in convention at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 17th, elected James C. Carlton, Bedford, Ind., president.

St. Thomas Lipton, who has been ill of catarrhal appendicitis in Chicago, was reported by his physicians, on the 17th, as recovering.

A killing frost destroyed the cantaloupe crop in the vicinity of Rocky Ford, Col., on the night of the 17th. The loss may reach \$250,000.

Frank Williams, a cigar manufacturer of East St. Louis and Belleville, Ill., was found guilty, on the 18th, of having paid an employee, George Jimes, \$250 to burn his factory in East St. Louis in June, 1902. He was given an indeterminate penitentiary sentence.

Since the storm of the 15th off the Atlantic coast nothing has been heard of the fishing steamship Beatrice, from New York, which carried a crew of 30 fishermen. It is believed the Beatrice went down with all on board.

The weather, on the 18th, was clear and warm throughout Kansas and western Missouri. The danger to corn from frost was believed to be ended.

President Roosevelt delivered the principal address, on the 17th, in a driving rain, at the dedication of the monument erected by the state of New Jersey on the historic battlefield of Antietam. Gov. Murphy of New Jersey, himself a participant in the battle, presented the monument to the government.

Senator N. B. Scott, of West Virginia, who has been alarmingly ill at the Brown Palace hotel in Denver, Col., since the 13th, was reported by his physicians, on the 18th, to be nearly restored to health.

Three hundred men were taken to Cripple Creek, Col., from Michigan, on the 18th, to take the places of the striking miners at the gold camp.

A Berlin firm has completed an order for 100,000,000 cartridges for Turkey. The last of them, it is understood, are in transit. The company is also delivering to Turkey more of the single-shot Mauser's formerly used by the German army.

One of the biggest coups in Wall street during the recent bear raid, it is learned, was made by young Cornelius Vanderbilt. He cleaned up \$1,000,000, it is said, using a margin of \$2,000,000. Most of his Wall street profits were made in Brooklyn Rapid Transit and Southern Pacific.

For the first time in a year all unions of St. Joseph, Mo., are at peace with their employers. The strike of painters, plasterers and electricians was declared off on the 18th.

Nine passengers were seriously injured, on the 18th, at Crawfordville, Ind., by the collision of Monon passenger train No. 5, Louisville to Chicago, and a Vandallia freight train.

St. Louis detectives have unearthed what is believed to be one of the largest "fences" ever conducted in the city, recovering a greater portion of the \$5,000 worth of shoes stolen from the Big Four freight house in East St. Louis. Samuel Mintz, already under indictment as a receiver of stolen goods, is prominently implicated.

Eleazer Deschamps, who recently returned to his home in Montreal, Can., from St. Louis, where he worked six weeks, declares that he and a companion were compelled to pay \$2 a day each to a walking delegate of the local plasterers' union, who refused to recognize their traveling card.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

In reply to an invitation extended to Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, former secretary in the British cabinet, by the Illinois Manufacturers' association to visit this country as their guest and deliver an address on his fiscal proposals, Mr. Chamberlain telegraphed, on the 20th, that he would be unable to leave England this year.

Gov. Yates of Illinois has become considerably exercised over the recent lynchings of criminals in Illinois, and is sending out letters to the sheriffs of the various counties requesting that they provide themselves with sufficient means of defense against mobs.

Jacob Miller, one of the grocers indicted for conspiracy to defraud the wholesale grocers of Chicago, together with several teamsters and receiving clerks, cut his throat, on the 18th, in front of the sheriff's office in the criminal court building.

Chief-of-Police Frederick Henke, Capt. Frederick Brennecke and Councilman Loutz, of Booneville, Ill., who were shot, on the 18th, by Detective Thomas Hutchins, were still alive on the 20th, but none of the three were expected to recover.

Two men in jail at Karnes City, Tex., for a burglary at Helena, Tex., are believed to be two of the convicts who recently escaped from the Folsom (Cal.) penitentiary. The police have communicated with the California authorities.

Five women were injured and 100 other passengers on a north-bound Illinois Central suburban passenger train thrown into a panic by a collision of the train with a switch engine, on the 18th, near Chicago.

The bond of Mr. Fullerton, who has been designated to disburse the \$5,000,000 appropriation in aid of the St. Louis exposition, was approved, on the 19th, and \$500,000 has been placed to his credit.

The bank of Samuel Cooper, at Richview, Ill., was entered, on the night of the 19th, and the safe blown with nitroglycerine, and two bags containing a small amount of silver was taken.

Jesse P. Gray, aged 25, died, on the 20th, at Salina, Kas. His death was due to the excessive use of cigarettes. Prior to death the young man's pulsation reached 160.

William K. Banta, the first mayor of Littlefield, Ill., died, on the 20th, aged 80 years. He had been prominent in business and manufacturing interests there since 1856.

Fire at the Missouri state fair grounds at Sedalia, Mo., on the 21st, destroyed the cattle and horse barns, the emergency fire engine house and 17 freight cars. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas station, the sheep and swine building and the new poultry house were partly destroyed. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

A conference of members of the state central committee and workers of the people's party was held at Springfield, Ill., on the 21st, to discuss plans of a campaign and to take some action on the recent agreement entered into at the recent meeting of the national committee held at Denver, Col.

Traffic between Baraboo and Portage, Wis., was abandoned on the 21st. The roads were covered with from two to six feet of water, and the damage to crops and property by the breaking of the city levee was estimated at \$30,000. Large tracts of corn north of Prairie Du Chien were under water.

The Fort Smith & Western railroad was completed and train service begun, on the 21st, from Fort Smith to Guthrie, Okla., 217 miles. Myron T. Herriek, C. C. Frick and Marcus A. Hanna are among the promoters.

Thomas R. Hancock, editor of the Neoga (Ill.) News, and a prominent political figure in the county, died on the 21st, aged 60 years. He was a staunch republican and a member of the G. A. R. and masonic orders.

Bondholders of the Paris Gas Light and Coke Co., of Paris, Ill., on the 21st, made application in the circuit court for a receiver. The liabilities were estimated at \$80,000. No assets were given.

Committees in charge of Chicago's centennial celebration, which begins on the 26th and lasts until October 1, reported, on the 21st, that the preliminary details were practically complete.

The Fore River Ship and Engineering Co., of Quincy, Ill., on the 21st, discharged 500 of its help. Every department was affected. No cause was given for the wholesale discharge.

The conveyor of the Southern Pacific elevator, 1,500 feet long, was destroyed by fire at Galveston, Tex., on the 21st, together with part of the wharf; loss, \$9,000.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor began its annual meeting, on the 21st, at Washington, D. C.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

County Corn Show, Then State.

H. J. Waters, the World's fair commissioner of agriculture, has announced the prizes offered by the commission in the state corn show, which will be held on the World's fair grounds next January. The plan, which is being pursued to appropriate fifty dollars towards a county corn show in every county in the state this fall. The corn which wins prizes will represent the county at the state exhibit, and will be labeled with the grower's name and the name of the county where grown.

Conductor's Arm Severed.
Herschel L. Rawlings, a conductor on the Frisco road, slipped as he was boarding his train, just pulling out of Valley Park station and fell, his left arm being severed by the wheels. Rawlings suffered other bruises, none so bad as the loss of the arm, however, and he was taken to St. Louis on another train and sent to the Lutheran hospital. He formerly was a conductor on the Burlington, and is one of the most popular men running in and out of the St. Louis Union station.

No Telephoning in Kansas City.
Fire in the five-story telephone building at Sixth and Wyandotte streets, Kansas City, completely destroyed all the toll boards and damaged the main switchboard so badly that there can be no telephone service in the business district for a month or more. Long-distance service is also out of the loss. It is estimated at \$150,000, fully covered by insurance. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

Wreck at Joplin.
An east-bound St. Louis train on the Frisco was wrecked at Joplin by plowing into a freight train standing on the Kansas City Southern tracks. The passengers were badly shaken up, but no one was injured. The engine was badly demolished, and several freight cars loaded with lumber were thrown into a deep gulch. Traffic was delayed on both roads six hours.

Rooster Kills a Baby.
The 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Copeland, while playing in the yard at the family home at Safe, Maries county, was attacked by a rooster, which flew upon the child's shoulder and thrust its spur into the back of his head at the base of the brain. The little one lingered several hours and then died.

Naturalization Fraud Cases.
The cases of the men under indictment by the federal grand jury for naturalization frauds in St. Louis will be called in October. Assistant District Attorney Norton, who has the cases in charge, says that the prosecution will be vigorous.

Charged With Manslaughter.
G. W. Moore, a nephew of Carrie Nation, the saloon smasher, was arrested at Kansas City, on a charge of manslaughter. Moore, while riding a bicycle on August 31, ran over Dora Shartian, aged 7, who died of the injuries received.

Blind Tigers Closed.
Prosecuting Attorney W. A. Dudley has succeeded in shutting up the blind tigers in Troy. The owners of the leading drug stores have announced that they will sell no more whisky without a physician's prescription.

Accidentally Killed Brother.
The six-year-old son of William Stilson, of near El Paso, in Barry county, was instantly killed by a bullet from a revolver in the hands of the child's older sister, who was playing with the weapon.

Caught in Illinois.
Frank Clark, alias "Yellow" Clark, wanted at Medill for assaulting Ollie Hess and cutting her throat, was arrested at Galesburg, Ill. Harvey MacLean, who recognized him, will get the \$1,000 reward offered.

Died in the Indian Territory.
Joseph McCann, brother of James McCann, for whose murder "Lord" Barrington is in jail at Clayton, awaiting trial, died at Grove, I. T. Joseph McCann was the principal witness against Barrington.

May Remove to St. Louis.
The American school of osteopathy, which opened at Kirksville on September 1 with the largest attendance in its history, is negotiating for property in St. Louis, and its removal there is again rumored.

Shortened Discontinued.
The department of stenography and business in the state university has been indefinitely discontinued. The action was thrown no member of the faculty out of employment.

Increase of Capital Stock.
The secretary of state issued a certificate of increase of capital stock to the Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Railroad Co. from \$600,000 to \$2,500,000.

Died on Operating Table.
William McQueen died near Corsicana while under the influence of opiates, administered before an operation, made necessary by the dislocation of a hip in a runaway.

Back to School of Mines.
Prof. E. G. Harris, at one time professor of engineering, has been elected professor of civil engineering at the Rolla school of mines.

School Teacher's Body Recovered.
The body of Miss Lora Jordan, the school teacher who was drowned in the Lamine river, near Ottaville, on September 13, has been recovered.

Killed Himself.
William Ford, one of Monticau county's oldest residents, committed suicide at his home south of Tipton by shooting in the head.

Young Man Kills Himself.
Because his mother had reprimanded him for drinking, Arthur Herbert, aged 20, committed suicide in St. Louis by taking carbolic acid.

Lightning Strikes School of Mines.
Lightning struck the boiler room of the School of Mines, at Rolla, doing considerable damage and creating a small panic.

Court Was Severe.
Mrs. Mary Warren, of St. Joseph, was fined \$100 and sentenced to six months in jail for beating a baby.

SULTAN EXPRESSES REGRET TO POWERS

Declared that the Insurrection Was Fast Drawing to a Close.

"GUILTY SHALL BE PUNISHED"

While These Promises are Being Made in Constantinople the Turks Continue to Burn, Pillage, Slaughter Women and Children.

Constantinople, Sept. 21.—In an audience with M. Zinovief, the Russian ambassador, Sunday, the sultan expressed his regret at the excesses committed by the Turkish troops in the vilayets of Monastir and Adrianople. He said that orders had been sent to the authorities concerned to prevent their repetition, and he gave the Russian ambassador to understand that the guilty parties would be punished.

The German ambassador, Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, also had an audience with the sultan, who showed himself most optimistic. The latter declared that the insurrection was drawing to a close. In fact, it had already been suppressed in some districts, and said the porte would, therefore, immediately issue proclamations, announcing the resumption of the application of the reform scheme.

Bulgaria Explains Note to Powers.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 21.—Some apprehension having apparently been created owing to a misunderstanding regarding the precise meaning of Bulgaria's last note to the powers, explanations have been given to some diplomatic agents here that the memorandum was not intended as an ultimatum, but was rather in the nature of an appeal for the intervention of the great powers before that intervention should be too late. The Bulgarian ministry, it was stated, was determined to maintain its attitude of neutrality up to the last moment, but it felt the impossibility of standing by indefinitely while the Turks exterminate the Bulgarian element in Macedonia.

INSURGENTS PREPARING FOR WAR.

Accumulating Stores of Provisions, Ammunition and Dynamite.

Sofia, Sept. 21.—The revolutionaries are now concentrating all their operations in eastern Macedonia, the latest dispatches from which locality report that a general rising was fixed to begin to-day. The insurgents to have accumulated vast stores of provisions, ammunition and dynamite and to be prepared to enter upon a serious campaign. Fighting is already proceeding at Aetnik, province of Seres, which place is besieged by bands of insurgents under the leadership of Stoyanoff, Yarnokoff, Darvinhoff and Zogroff, all of whom formerly were officers in the Bulgarian army.

Many Turks Killed and Wounded.

Severe fighting is reported to have taken place at Okrida. A band of revolutionaries are operating near Brijuni surrounded a force of Turkish troops and a fight ensued, which lasted throughout an entire day. In the evening the insurgents, reinforced by bands under Sraifoff, attacked the Turks on all sides and routed them. The Turks lost 50 killed. It is reported that the troops will now move only in bodies of from 3,000 to 5,000.

Turkish soldiers are reported to have burned five villages in the district of Kastoria.

Turks Continue Horrible Atrocities.

A company of Turkish soldiers and Bashi-Bazouks recently found the hiding place of a hundred families of refugees from the villages of Dupeni and Echia, near Rosen. They captured the party, violated the women and committed other atrocities.

Ten united bands of Monastir and Michailoff have had an encounter with the troops near Demir-Kapu, 62 miles northwest of Salonica. The Turks had many killed, including two officers.

Cotton Reports All Quiet at Beirut.

Washington, Sept. 21.—A cablegram was received at the navy department, Sunday, from Rear-Admiral Cotton, at Beirut, saying that the situation there continued quiet.

PRESIDENT WILL NOT ACCEDE

He Merely Acknowledges Receipt of Labor Organizations' Communication.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 21.—President Roosevelt has received the set of resolutions from the Central Labor union of Washington in the Miller case and has sent the secretary of the organization a formal reply, merely to the effect that he got the communication. It is not probable that he will vouchsafe any further answer to the union, his friends say.

It can be stated almost officially that President Roosevelt will not accede to the demand of the union by ordering the dismissal of Miller as foreman of the bldng department of the government printing office.

Officer Called His Hurt.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 20.—Martin Erickson, who is said to be insane, entered the Scandinavian American bank, Friday, walked up to the window of the cashier and demanded \$500,000, stating that unless his demands were complied with he would blow up the bank with nitro-glycerine. He exhibited a small bottle which he claimed contained the explosive. He was about to make a demonstration when a deputy sheriff entered and arrested him. The contents of the bottle proved to be harmless.

BREAKING UP SHAMROCK II.

St. Thomas Lipton's Second Cup Challenger Being Broken Up By Her Purchasers.

New York, Sept. 20.—The work of breaking up the old America's cup challenger, Shamrock II., has been commenced under direction of her new owners. It is stated that Capt. Miller's partner in the venture is Capt. Charles Barr, who commanded the yacht Columbia when she defeated Shamrock II.

STATE ITEMS

Dyer Honored Old Slave.

Col. D. P. Dyer, United States district attorney, went from St. Louis to Warrenton and spoke at the grave of Peter Duncan, an old negro whom he had known as a slave. Peter Duncan was one of the oldest negroes in the United States. It is thought that he was over 100 years old. Before the civil war he was owned by John Duncan, a farmer of Lincoln county. Duncan's farm adjoins the one owned by Col. Dyer's father, and when the district attorney was a lad he and "Uncle Peter," who was then quite an old man, were friends. Old "Uncle Peter" followed with interest the career of Col. Dyer, and it was one of his frequent requests that when death overtook him the colonel should make an address at his grave. "Uncle Peter" had been a faithful worker until three months prior to his death. For many years he was in the employ of Michael Kelly, a farmer, whose place is not far from the original home of the old negro. At the grave there assembled many white persons who had known Peter Duncan for years. He was liked by every man, woman and child in the community. In speaking at the grave, Col. Dyer recalled how "Uncle Peter" had fondled him nearly a half century ago.

Alleged Horse Thieves Escape.

Frank Anderson and Frank Mullen, who were confined in the Boone county jail, escaped, after making a hole through the sheet steel floor of their cell, digging through several feet of concrete and prying the steel door of the jail open. They were confined in the jail waiting trial for horse stealing. The hole in the steel floor, which was barely large enough to pass a man's body, was battered in with pieces of brick and iron through the sheet steel. The concrete was then removed, presumably with jack knives. A note to the jailer was left, in which they thanked him for his kindness to them while confined, and apologized for causing him trouble. They took with them towels and soap, for which they left money. The theft for which they were to have been tried was committed during the fair at Centuria, and the men were captured at St. Charles.

Drillers Strike Oil.

From the oil fields in the Bellamy district it is learned that the drill of the Barton-Vernon company, at a depth of 1,035 feet, has struck oil sand, where oil seeps up to the top of the water, which is 15 feet from the top of the surface. The drill passed through 15 feet of this oil sand. In the opinion of the drillers, if this well was shot now it would produce a good flow of oil. The drillers claim oil is there in paying quantities, but will drill several hundred feet deeper, believing there is richer oil sand below. These drillers are fully acquainted with the Kansas and the Pennsylvania fields. They are so confident that they are firing on drilling other wells. Leases on more land are being taken, and the farmers are holding their lands at present at \$100 per acre.

Girls as Messenger Boys.

Girls and men, many of them past the age of 30, are being employed by the Western Union Telegraph Co. and the Missouri District Telegraph Co. to carry their messages in Kansas City. Unable to secure boys enough to meet the demands of the business, the companies were compelled to hire girls and men. The lack of boys was largely due to the opening of the schools. Out of 100 boys, the customary messenger force of the Western Union Co., more than 75 quit work to go to school.

Howard Payne College Opens.

The fifty-fifth session of Howard Payne college opened at Fayette, under the presidency of Rev. Dr. Hiram D. Groves, with the largest attendance in its history. Every room in the college is taken, and arrangements have been made to care for additional students among the citizens of the town.

Boy Killed by Train.

Crushed and mangled, the body of Albert Salisbury, 13 years old, was taken from between the cars of a Wash passenger train in St. Louis. The boy is supposed to have been killed somewhere between St. Charles and St. Louis.

Patrolman Killed a Negro.

Charles McCoy, a negro, was shot to death in a desperate encounter with Patrolman J. P. Fitzgerald in St. Louis. The policeman was cut and badly beaten on the head before he ended the fight with a bullet.

Grief and Suicide.

Grieving over the death of his wife, news of which reached him in telegrams three days after the event, Robert Stockwell Hatcher, of Lafayette, Ind., killed himself in a room at the Planters' hotel in St. Louis.

A Boy Famine.

Telegraph companies at St. Louis have been forced to hire men instead of boys to deliver messages, the opening of the schools being responsible for the scarcity of youngsters.

University Gets Inheritance Tax.

The collection of the collateral inheritance tax in Missouri since the first of the year (\$75,074.08) is applied to maintenance of the state university.

Persecution Alleged.

Russian Jews in St. Louis allege they have been persecuted by police officers since signing a petition to have immoral houses closed.